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SUBJECT: REALIGNMENT OF NAVAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM
(NTS)

1. NEW COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY OFFERS THE PROSPECT OF
CONSOLIDATION OF COMMUNICATIONS FUNCTIONS AT SINGLE SITES
WITH CONSIDERABLE FINANCIAL SAVINGS. IN CONSONANCE WITH
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THESE TECHNICAL ADVANCES, THE U.S. NAVY IS PLANNING TO

REALIGN THE NTS IN THE UK. PRELIMINARY PLANNING ENVISIONS CLOSURE OF THE NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS STATION LONDONDERRY AND ATTENDANT NTS FACILITIES IN NORTHERN IRELAND, WITH MANAGEMENT, SUPPORT, AND OPERATIONS BEING RELOCATED TO ANOTHER U.S. NAVY COMMUNICATIONS ORIENTED ACTIVITY IN THE UK. TWO SITES CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION ARE THE NAVAL SECURITY GROUP ACTIVITY LOCATED IN EDZELL, SCOTLAND AND THE NAVAL RADIO STATION (TRANSMITTER) AT THURSO, SCOTLAND.

2. IN VIEW OF THE STRONG CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN REDUCING THE SUPPORT MANPOWER IN EUROPE, EMPHASIS IS BEING PLACED ON REALIGNMENT IN THAT AREA. WHILE IT APPEARS THAT ADDITIONAL LAND WILL NOT BE REQUIRED BEYOND THAT ALREADY AVAILABLE AT EDZELL AND THURSO, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT SOME CONSTRUCTION, SUCH AS EXPANSION OF CURRENT FACILITIES AND ANTENNA ADDITIONS, WILL BE REQUIRED.

THE TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION OF THIS REALIGNMENT IS FY 1977.

3. DETAILED INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN THE SPECIFIC SITE HAS BEEN SELECTED IN ORDER THAT FORMAL CONSULTATIONS CAN BE UNDERTAKEN WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. IN THE MEANTIME, IT IS DESIRABLE THAT WE DISCUSS THIS INFORMALLY WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO PRECLUDE EMBARRASSMENT SHOULD SUCH PLANNING COME TO THEIR ATTENTION PREMATURELY. IT IS REQUESTED THAT DEPARTMENT BE NOTIFIED WHEN SUCH DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED WITH ANY REACTION. INGERSOLL

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